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News Briefs

By Andrew Klusman

Beer pong stays in Baltimore

On January 23, Maryland state Senator George Della Jr. introduced a bill to the Maryland State Senate that would prohibit the playing of beer pong or any other drinking game on the premises of bars, bottle clubs, and retail stores. In the ensuing days, Della received a barrage of e-mails from his constituents opposing the bill. The opposition was led by MD Beer Pong, which is an organization that proclaims to be the premier beer pong league and tournament group. Della withdrew the bill on the eve of its committee hearing after seeing the response to the bill. He told the Baltimore Sun that he hopes "that if people continue doing it, they do it in a way that there's not excessive drinking and disrespect for the surrounding neighborhoods."

Barnes & Noble to come to Terre Haute

Barnes & Noble College Booksellers plans to open a new bookstore on the corner of Fifth and Cherry streets in downtown Terre Haute. This will be the first time a major retailer was moved into the heart of downtown Terre Haute. The new store would replace the current Indiana State University bookstore in the Hulman Memorial Student Union on the ISU campus. The new bookstore will have longer hours and serve both students and non-students. The building is planned to be two stories tall, have around 30,000 square feet, and be finished by early 2010. The upper floor of the building would house the ISU Foundation, which is the ISU fundraising office. The property is currently a parking lot for ISU.

Tornado hits golf course in Hawaii

The National Weather Service confirmed that a tornado briefly touched down near the Kapolei Golf Course in Kapolei, Hawaii. There were several sightings of the tornado midday Wednesday. The tornado caused minor roof damage, and a golf cart was picked up by the strong winds. The golfers at the golf course escaped without harm, but one employee was injured while trying to help a golfer. The heavy winds picked him up and slammed him against a golf course. He was admitted to the hospital, and was later released to rest at home. The tornado struck when the golf course had all tee times booked.

Lindsey Saxton

Staff Writer

Charles Darwin is known as the father of genetics. An English naturalist, he devoted his life to the study of populations and evolution, coining the term "natural selection." Thursday, February 12 was his bicentennial (his 200th birthday) and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his book, "On The Origin of Species." In celebration of his contributions to science, the ABBE department presented a series of lectures from students in the Evolution class, as well as Dr. Anthony.

The first presentation, given by Marsha Krisenko, was titled "Lineage of Mycobacterium tuberculosis." She began by introducing the disease tuberculosis before moving on to the main part of her presentation. She determined through the use of three fair tests that M. tuberculosis evolved from an ancient bacterial strain. She then traced the spread of tuberculosis through the world, highlighting the commonalities and differences between the different strains.

Next came "Sickle-cell disease: balancing heterozygous advantage and recessive lethal condition" presented by Kirk Thompson. Like Marsha, Kirk began with an introduction to sickle cell anemia, complete with an analysis of cell shapes. Sickle cell anemia leads to three possible, deadly results: destruction of sickle cells

which leads to anemia, clumping of cells that blocks blood vessels, and buildup in the spleen that causes fibrosis. He next described the inheritance patterns of the disease before moving on to an analysis of the sickle-cell allele's longevity. A surprising link was revealed: populations with high heterozygous rates show a higher resistance to malaria.

The room filled when "What women want: the science behind female preferences in mate selection" by Jeanie Sozansky started. Beginning with a quick animation demonstrating the basic pattern of attraction, she talked about the reasoning behind attraction (reproduction) and the definition of reproduction. She then went through why and how women are more selective before talking about the menstrual cycle and reproductive costs for men and women. An interesting trend was revealed: women who had good relationships with their fathers tend to choose mates who look similar to their fathers. Also interesting is the fact that preference varies with the menstrual cycle. Overall, women want resources, image, sensual appeal, protection, attention to themselves, attention to detail, and daily copulation.

John Lawrence then took the laser pointer, giving a presentation titled "Punctuated equilibrium as a mechanism for speciation." He began with a quote from Darwin about punctuated equilibrium before moving on to Darwin's opinion that gaps in fossil records are caused by error. The differences between gradualism and punctuated equilibrium were then discussed with an analysis of fossil records. He then presented historical evidence supporting

ent races and religions, with Pakistani, Sudanese, and Asian populations having high rates. Sunni and Shiites even show different strains of beta-thalassemia. He revealed that malaria has a large influence on various blood-borne pathogens.

Last came Dr. Anthony with a speech titled "Evolution for everyone." He began by saying that evolution is "one of the most robust theories ever produced by science," before moving on to his descriptions of Darwin as a thinker.

His lecture was mostly on the various aspects of science: boundaries, characteristics, and theories. He talked about the various pieces of evidence for evolution including fossils, homologies, and distributions in time and space. After ending with a graph of countries that accept

evolution, there was a spirited debate about how evolution could be disproved.

Darwin Day is a good way to celebrate one of the most recognizable scientific icons. From learning why women are attracted to men to learning how evolution could be disproved, the various aspects of evolution were presented and discussed by students and faculty in a fun, welcoming environment. As Darwin said, "In the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed."

[Evolution is] one of the most robust theories ever produced by science.

-Dr. Ric Anthony

the idea of punctuated equilibrium, concluding that the process of punctuated equilibrium was undeniable according to fossil records, proof that change occurred in bursts.

Marcus Stepp was the fifth speaker, with a presentation titled "Evolutionary forces influencing beta-thalassemia in human populations." He introduced the disease before talking about its genetic and mutagenic properties. Next, he discussed the geographic and migratory effects of beta-thalassemia, highlighting the geographic variation within countries. He noted variation in prevalence between differ-

Countdown to Commencement

Tim Ekl

Photo Editor

Rose-Hulman may primarily be an engineering school, but its teachings don't end with math and science.

The Countdown to Commencement series of informational sessions, provided for graduating seniors, aims to teach students that little bit extra to help them survive life after college. Session topics range from offer negotiation to the pros and cons of buying a house.

"I think [the sessions are] a fantastic opportunity for your graduating class to get an insight as to what's really go-

ing on outside of the campus world," Sean Goble, a senior mortgage consultant at Paramount Investment Corporation, said.

Goble presented at a Countdown to Commencement session on Tuesday about buying vs. renting a house. With him was Kristin Green, a realtor at Keller Williams Realty. Both have been presenting the same session at Rose for at least three years, and both seem to enjoy their trips to college campuses.

"I really liked that we got a lot of feedback from the students and a lot of questions," Green said. "It's so much more fun to present to a group that's interactive."

Seniors find the sessions helpful as well.

"I pick and choose the ones I want, anything relevant," Kyle Cornelius, senior mechanical engineer, said at the Buying vs. Renting seminar on Tuesday. "This is just something I'm curious about."

But while the seminars are generally informative, many seniors don't attend them all, instead picking the ones that sound "cool."

"[The Offer & Negotiate meeting] was the coolest by far. They went over good ways to negotiate with companies and what different responses mean," Cornelius said. "I didn't go to the alumni panel one."

Regardless of attendance,

most tend to view the sessions as a good opportunity for graduating students.

"I think [Countdown to Commencement is] a good program for both people in my position as well as the students," Goble said. "With the quality of education that they're getting, it's nice that they have thorough questions to ask. They're paying attention to what goes on."

Eccles responded, "I'm an advisor for freshmen this year. I'm going to look at midterm grades and grades from last quarter. It's good to say 'nice job, keep it up'. Them meeting with me is part of what Rose-Hulman is to me... somebody cares."

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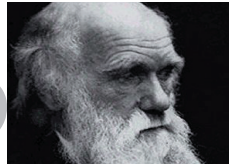


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Career Fair: Part 2

"Dead Space"



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"They have one of those for your iPod?"

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Crypto-Quote of the Week

Instructions:
Use the clues to fill out the puzzle, where each box represents a letter.

Affection

Salt Lake City

Last Name

Proclaim

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French Pope

Skiing in Colorado

Descendant of Benjamin

The Magic Number

By Melissa Brumbaugh

Instructions:
Using addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (x), and division (/), solve the puzzle by using all the given numbers only once to equal the Magic Number.

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x-++=162

Instructions:
Solve the puzzle by deciphering the following quote and figure out from which movie the quote is. Each letter represents a different letter in the alphabet.

Hint (Solution = Crypto):

A = I B = Q C = H

PLMM, PLMM. VLXL PL IXL.

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Scott Gallmeier
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Tuesday, February 10 and Wednesday, February 11 marked the first ever Winter Career Fair Redux. This event was designed by the Office of Career Services to be held as two miniature career fair sessions. The event saw twenty-five of the forty-six displaced companies back to Rose-Hulman's campus, and just over 180 students flocked to find a job, co-op, or internship for the coming year.

The Office of Career Services feels that this Career Fair Redux was a great success, with 25 companies and approximately 180 students. This Career Fair had fewer companies in attendance

Career Fair: Part 2

this year, with around 100 companies registered for the original date compared to last year's 136.

Career Services feels that the career fairs are of special importance this year due to the unstable job market and economy. They currently estimate that the senior class is approximately 10 percent behind their normal placement rates. Kevin

Hewerdine, Director of Career Services, said, "[A]t this time, we are currently behind our 55-65 percent historical average placement for seniors." Also, in light of the recent economy issues, Kevin has been receiving multiple calls from young alumni requesting assistance with finding a new job due to recent cuts and layoffs.



Colin Shipley

(Left) Brant Gurganus, senior Computer Science major, discusses his resume with one of the representatives at the second Career Fair, held Tuesday and Wednesday February 10 and 11, respectively. (Below) Two students discuss potential career and internship possibilities as part of the Winter Career Fair. This career fair was held in light of the cancellation of over forty companies on January 28, 2009, the date of the original Winter Career Fair and one of the largest winter storms in recent history.

U. Rhode Island Census of Marine Life tacks ocean feature onto Google Earth

Jeff Sullivan

The Good Five Cent Cigar

The University of Rhode Island's Census of Marine Life has recently teamed up with programmers from Duke University and Internet giant Google for first looks at new discoveries in the ocean.

The census program consists of more than 2,000 scientists in 80 countries worldwide, gathering oceanic data in a 10-year plan to try to generate more understanding about the sea.

Google Earth now offers an ocean feature that includes a host of oceanic information, ranging from pictures of shark cafés to videos of deep-sea expeditions.

URI's Census of Marine Life was one of the major contributors of content for the update.

"What's really cool is that now every single person who downloads Google Earth 5 will automatically have access to a Census of Marine Life layer," director of URI's office of marine programs Sarah Hickox, said. "It's an amazing way for us to share the incredible findings of our program to a much broader audience."

When a new user logs onto the new version of Google Earth, they will be able to learn and discover species and forms of life that have, in some cases, literally never seen the light of day.

In one of the first "Voyages of Discovery" expeditions in Australia, scientists found 524 species of crustaceans and invertebrates, 33 percent of which were believed to be entirely newly discovered species. Another 25 percent were found to be new to the region, which helps scientists to track species migration.

The CoML puts out an annu-

al report of their research and new findings, and most of that content goes right into Google Earth, Hickox said.

"[Many of these findings] are encapsulated in the 130 or so stories that we already have on the Census of Marine Life layer," she said. "Jay was mostly in charge of doing those stories."

Jay Harding, who is also working on the Census, was primarily responsible for putting the stories together and overseeing their production. He said in nearly all of these virtual expeditions there are video links, narratives, maps, images and geospatial data that enhance the viewing experience.

"The stories almost always have links in them that will take you to more information," Harding said. "So you find something you think is interesting, it will take you more cool stuff."

Harding said much of the funds for the Census come from donations given by energy and mining companies, that, besides leaving their names out of the program, "are pledging quite a significant sum of money to enable some of this research be done," Harding said.

"It's an interesting synergy, but some of these energy conglomerates actually have foundations that sponsor this type of environmental work all the time."

Harding said while the Census is getting relatively consistent press coverage from overseas, America just does not seem interested in oceanic research.

"I think it's because this type of stuff makes bigger waves in the rest of the world than in the United States," he said. "A lot of my friends and family when they look at they say, 'Oh, that's pretty cool,' but if it came on the news you know they wouldn't sit and watch it."

Yale professors doing away with in-class Web surfing

Jessica Letchford

The Yale Daily News

Facebook stalking in class is no longer an option for a growing number of Yale students.

In an attempt to encourage students to pay attention to lectures and to facilitate class discussions, at least two dozen professors and teaching assistants have banned, or at least discouraged, laptop use since classrooms were outfitted with wireless in 2006. Despite the inconvenience the policy poses of taking notes by hand, many of the professors said in interviews that they have not received any complaints about their no-laptops policies, and a handful of them even said they received positive feedback.

It's no secret that students using laptops often multi-task in class—answering e-mails, instant messaging, reading the news and occasionally even taking notes.

Since "it's not practical for Yale to delineate wireless classroom by classroom or hour by hour"—as Chuck Powell, the senior director of Academic Media and Technology for Yale's Information Technology Services, put it—professors are taking matters into their own hands. (Yale wireless currently covers more than 80 percent of campus, barring Old Campus and a few buildings, such as Hendrie Hall.)

Five professors interviewed said laptops put up a literal bar-

rier between students and the professor, hampering discussions and a sense of community within the classroom.

"I want to interact with the students. I want them to be paying attention," said political science and religious studies professor Andrew March, who banned laptops from his Spring 2008 seminar, "Islamic Political Thought." "It is impossible, even with the best intentions, to stay off e-mail, the Internet, Solitaire."

Other professors who expressed similar desires to connect with their students said their no-laptop policy was for students' benefit.

English and political science lecturer Mark Oppenheimer '96 GRD '03, who is teaching "Classics of Political Journalism" this semester, said his policy against laptops is no different from any other classroom regulation a professor might have—such as no swearing and timeliness.

In discussion sections, laptops also make it difficult to read the teaching fellows' or other students' body language, said Robin Morris GRD '11, a TF for "Terrorism in America 1865-2001" this semester.

"By looking at students' faces during discussion, I can look for signs of confusion, disagreement, boredom, excitement—all signals that help me determine my next move in the classroom," she said.

Taking notes by hand not only

eliminates the noise of typing—often distracting in a small seminar—but also forces students to filter information, instead of passively taking notes verbatim, Oppenheimer added.

School of Forestry and Environmental Studies professor Shimon Anisfeld, who banned laptop use from his two courses this spring, "Water Resource Management" and "Organic Pollutants in the Environment," even used a comic strip to illustrate his point that laptop use takes away from the atmosphere of the classroom. The strip, which Anisfeld showed his class the first day, depicts a student having an online conversation in class—a humorous exaggeration of the consequences of classroom laptop use.

Since enacting the policy, professors said they have seen levels of classroom interaction and grades improve.

"I have seen marvelous results," March said. "I was ambivalent at the beginning, but I would never go back to allowing laptops."

And at least some students are warming up to the idea, too.

In his course evaluations for "Eastern Europe Since 1914" in Fall 2007, history professor Timothy Snyder asked students how they felt about his policy on laptops. He received unanimously positive responses. One student even asked why more Yale classes don't enact a ban, he recalled.

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8-10pm	ES202 – Fluids	O-257, O-259
	AB120 – Biology II	O-167
	CHE202 – Basic Chemical Process Calc.	O-269
Thursday, Feb 19 6-8pm	ES203 – Electrical Systems	O-157, O-159
	PH112 – Physics II	O-257, O-259, O-269
	CHEM107 – Engineering Chemistry II	O-167
8-10pm	MA112 – Calculus II	O-257, O-259
	MA113 – Calculus III	O-167, O-169
	ES204 – Mechanical Systems	O-157, O-159

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An engineer killing babies: “Dead Space”

Andrew Ernster
Staff Writer

Take one poorly maintained space ship, one scary religion, one insanity-inducing artifact, one terrible military mishap, and a bunch of angry alien-zombies. Throw them in a bag, shake ‘em up, dump the contents on a clueless repair crew, and you’ve got “Dead Space.”

The game puts the player in the shoes of Isaac Clarke, an average space engineer who really misses his girlfriend. After landing on the deep-space min-

Now, on to the game. “Dead Space” is a survival-horror/shooter that allows the player to shoot babies. They’re tentacled, undead babies that can shoot off people’s heads, but babies nonetheless. Don’t ask me why babies are on a mining vessel. They just are, deal with it. Besides baby shooting, the player has a very well-written story to look forward to. Isaac’s objectives follow a logical order: fix the ship’s engines to avoid crashing into the planet it’s orbiting, man a turret to shoot down space debris while your

his limbs so that he won’t hurt his loved ones. While most of Isaac’s contact with the ship’s crew is through these logs, he also gets the chance to meet a few human survivors left on the mining vessel. Unfortunately, all of them are thoroughly insane and die shortly after meeting Isaac.

The major pull of “Dead Space” is something called strategic dismemberment. The enemies in “Dead Space” are already dead, so shooting off their head doesn’t do anything other than removing the enemy’s ability to see you; (That’s actually a very cool thing) shooting off a leg knocks the enemy to the ground, but the undead aren’t so easily stopped, although disabled, the critter crawls toward you in hopes of a second chance. Shoot off an arm and the enemy still has another one with which to hit you. Shoot them in the chest and you just wasted ammo. It’s a very neat system. Dismembering limbs nets bonus damage; so while most games and movies would advise shooting the undead in the face, in “Dead Space” their arms and legs are much tastier targets.

“Dead Space” does its damndest to scare its players, and many situations are very tense. Encounters with the living crew and their records provide psychological horror while the alien-zombies and the ship provide startling situations for some good-ole jump-out-of-your-skin moments. And all of it is coated with a healthy dose of gore.

Oh ... and you can shoot babies.

Reviewer rating: 5.0 elephants



NEW RELEASES
THIS WEEK

Movies:

Friday the 13th

Confessions of
of a Shopaholic

The International

Games:

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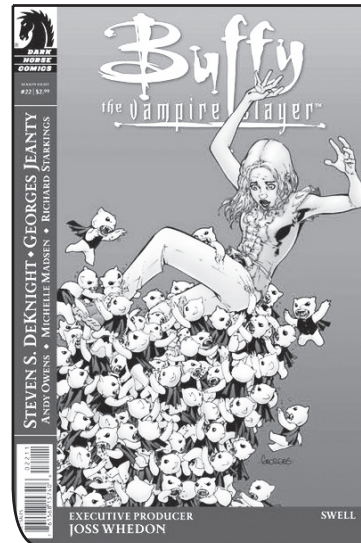
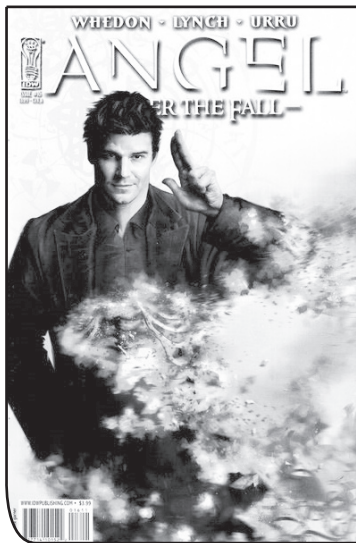
Isaac normally has the luxury of working his enemies down one limb at a time from a distance; however, this is a survival-horror title, where would the fun be if he didn't get assaulted, up close and personal, sometimes?

ing vessel on which she lives, he and his fellows are confronted by tall, deadly, scythe-wielding monsters. Isaac, being the intelligent and unarmed engineer, runs away and leaves his friends to die. He narrowly escapes, picks up an oversized nail gun, and returns to the docking bay just in time to see the “horse” he rode in on explode. Isaac’s only remaining option is to fix the ship so that maybe he and his two surviving crewmates can survive long enough for help to arrive. And maybe, just maybe, he can find his girlfriend in the process.

buddy fixes the auto-targeting so the ship doesn’t end up a vacuum-filled hunk of Swiss cheese (or rather unfilled, since it’s a vacuum...), find out what’s messing with the ventilation system before everyone suffocates, etc. While moving from task to task, scattered visual, audio, and text recordings reveal the gruesome background of the rather unhappy situation. These recordings are very interesting—one set chronicles the story of a man and a woman trying to escape before all hell breaks loose, and another features a man who shoots off all

Angel & Buffy: a novel idea and a glorious return

Eli Baca
Staff Writer



Hello, Paris Hilton, have you met my friend Angel? You know, the vampire with a soul who just saved all of L.A. after sort of sending it to Hell—literally? “Angel: After the Fall” has continued the story of the Fang Gang after the final moments of the series where Angel and company are about to face off with some minions from Hell. All of Los Angeles was sent to Hell and things changed dramatically for every character. Issue 16 is the finale of “After the Fall”—with almost every major player dead, or undead in Gunn’s case. With Illyria about to destroy the world, Angel must figure out how, once again, to save the day.

Brian Lynch has taken our heroes for a pretty hellacious ride and the ending serves to bring everything together in an almost “reset button” fashion. The conclusion of the comic brings L.A. back to normal, right where the series left off, only everyone in the city remembers their time in Hell—the good, the bad, and the deadly. Franco Urru continues to dazzle with his monsters, but leaves something to be desired when he tries to get the characters to match their respective actors. Urru gives the comic the dark and serious tone from the series, but it is Lynch’s writing that keeps the story from going under.

With Angel and his team now publically recognized heroes for their roles in saving the city, every character is going to have to figure out how to go on in a world where they are in the limelight and no longer underground. Also, the return to “normal” has just given vampires, and every other demon for that matter, the ability to go public. Will the crazy cameras be too much for our heroes? And where did the Lawyers from Hell go? For some answers, look for the next issue as it will most likely be ridiculous.

Reviewer rating: 4.0 elephants



Season eight of the comic continuation of “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” has given readers lots of things to ponder—Buffy’s bi-curious nature, Dawn’s centaurness, and time traveling with Fray—this issue gave fans a fluffy new idea: vampy cat, or essentially “Hello Kitty” with Fangs. To give some background, Buffy and her army of slayers have been deemed a terrorist cell by the U.S. government, and now, with the lovely Harmony Kendall as the new spokeswoman for Vampire Rights, they are every American’s nightmare. This issue was entitled “Swell,” alluding to the awesome end of the comic, but has a deeper meaning; everything is not going swell for the slayers.

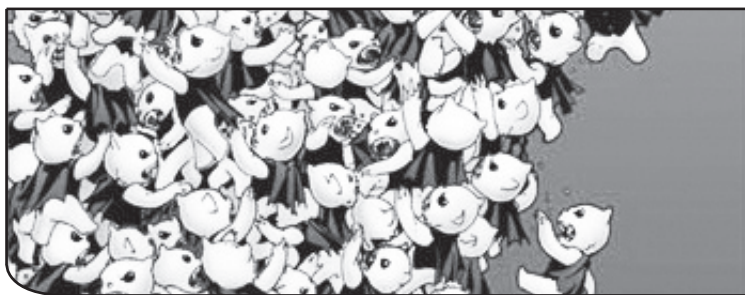
Georges Jeanty takes back the reins for the art in this issue and manages to capture every character very well while giving the vampy cats that extra cute/killer spunk. Steven S. DeKnight (“Angel,” “Smallville,” “Dollhouse”) writes the one-shot following Willow’s girlfriend Kennedy as she travels overseas to evaluate Buffy’s newest ex, Satsu. During the evaluation is when the fun begins—with a vampy cat crawling into Satsu and taking over her body—and the slayer squad discovers Big Bad Twilight’s latest plot to take over millions of small children and kill lots of people ... with the kitties of doom.

While the one-shots have been enjoyable, and downright hilarious, they’re lacking the main element: Buffy. She’s featured in only a couple of panels, and while it may be necessary to tell the stories of others, fans need their heroine or, at least, a spinoff.

Reviewer rating: 4.0 elephants



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Going green by drying

Andrew Klusman

Co-Editor in Chief

Life since the advent of “green” thinking has posed many questions to consumers. From every day trips to the supermarket (Paper, plastic, or have you brought your own?), to driving a car (did you buy the most fuel efficient car you could?), “green” living attempts to confront us in most everything we do. But there is one question that really hasn’t spread to society as much as the others, and that question is, “Do you dry your clothes with a dryer or a clothes rack?”

A clothes rack, you may ask? Yes, a clothes rack. It’s an item similar to the clothesline your grandmother may have used to dry clothes. It is a stand-alone device, and has arms on which to hang your clothing. They range from cheap to the very fancy, and thus they also range from low prices to high prices. But, a clothes rack doesn’t need to be fancy, all you do is hang clothes on it. It’s like buying an expensive, fancy bucket for mopping. In the end, it’s pointless, really.

Why should you use a clothes rack? Well, the reasons are plentiful, and here are some of the big ones. First, you’ll save money in the long-run, which is a great incentive. Second, it’s environmentally-friendly, so not only are you helping to reduce pollution,

but you also earn the right to be smug when talking about laundry! Third, it helps prolong your clothing’s lifespan. And finally it helps build a sense of responsibility and order in your life.

Saving money. Money can be saved in a few different ways with the clothes rack. First, you aren’t spending money on the utilities to pay for the dryer (neither is Rose, when you dry-rack your clothes at school), and you aren’t paying the fee to use the dryer. True, there is an upfront cost, and how the price of the dryer rack determines how long it takes to start saving money from it, but in the long-run you will save money. In addition to that, you won’t be spending money on dryer sheets. I’ve been using the drying rack for around five months now, and I have recouped the cost of the drying rack, and have begun saving a decent chunk of money.

Environmentally-friendly. The primary “saving” and benefit of a dryer rack in the environmental department is the lack of emissions created from the use of a dryer. You are not heating your clothes up to such a high temperature, so the power generation is not needed. In addition to that, by rack-drying your clothes, you can increase the humidity in your room (which is oftentimes needed in certain residence halls).

Plus, you’re not using dryer sheets, which end up in the trash.

Prolong your clothing’s lifespan. Heating up your clothing to such high temperatures and then cooling them back down is not the best thing for your clothing. As such, by using a drying rack your clothes will keep their brightness and color, and not look faded and old. This is a plus not only for those dark blue jeans of yours, but also for those free printed image t-shirts Rose-Hulman seems to give out by the boxful each year! Overall, your clothes will look sharper and newer than they would after going through a few cycles in the dryer.

Responsibility and order. This is a big plus. By using a drying rack to dry your clothing, you will need to practice some planning ahead and put some thought into your laundry routine. You will have to plan out when to do the laundry, and realize when you will next need to wear those jeans or that load of socks you just washed. Why? Well, air-drying your clothing takes time. Personal experience says it takes around six hours for clothes to go from out of the washer to dry. Six hours is not too bad, especially if you do some planning. For example, if

you do your washing in the evening, and put your clothes on the rack, it can be all dried out the following morning. Or, do it in the morning (or on a weekend), and then your clothes are ready to go in the evening.

But won’t my clothes be stiff as a board? The answer depends on if you have used a drying rack before. If you are new to the drying rack, then the answer is most likely going to be “Probably.” However, per-

sonal experience says that after the first one or two dryings with the rack, the clothing will not be stiff as a board, and in fact be very soft. I have found that flipping your clothing while it is on the drying rack, around three hours into the drying process, your clothing will not turn out very hard.

So, be sure to do our environment, your wallet, and your clothing a favor, and start drying your clothes on a clothes drying rack.

“It’s like buying an expensive, fancy bucket for mopping. In the end, it’s pointless, really.”



Andrew Klusman / Rose Thorn

Not only can you dry clothes with it, but it’s a perfect place for your oranges!

The ladies man

Elliot Simon

Staff Writer

Dear Ladies Man,
Valentine’s Day is coming up and I don’t know what to do for my girlfriend. Help!

-Definitely not Cupid

Dear Not Cupid,
Don’t worry! Even with only a day left, you still have plenty of time to get the perfect item for your lady! First off, remember that no matter what you do, you want to convey your feelings to her, so keep it as straightforward as possible. Next, pick your method of conveyance. There are a lot of basics, and plenty of commercialized items to help you. I’m talking flowers, chocolates, cards, the whole deal. While all of those are very simple and straightforward, don’t forget that sometimes simpler things that you work on yourself can

have more meaning. For example, I have always made my Valentine’s Day cards by hand and will continue to do so until some point in the distant future when paper is no longer a viable medium for expression. No matter what you give her, make sure it says something about how you feel. The expression intrinsic to a single rose is far separate from a bouquet of a dozen. Also, keep in mind secondary—and even tertiary—meanings (she likes the color yellow/has a strong aversion to the color red/knows a thing about the Victorian meanings of the color of a rose). Finally, don’t forget presentation. Leaving them on her desk while she’s in class might make her day, or she might prefer to have it delivered in person, or any other of the myriad possible techniques. Just remember, the day is about expressing your feelings; so don’t overdo it.

“Valentine’s Day is coming up and I don’t know what to do for my girlfriend, help!”

Melissa Schwenk

Staff Writer

It’s that time of year again, and while I would rather be planning my trip to visit friends over quarter break, it’s time to begin studying for finals. Yes, it’s everyone’s favorite part of the quarter, when they have to drag up all the knowledge they gained over the ten weeks and cram for all the classes they slept through. Even if you think you are going to ace your finals, here are a few tips for surviving the Rose Finals Atmosphere.

Study hard but know your limits. If you know you can only focus on a subject for an hour at a time, start early. Take a break if you lose your focus, but try to be productive during that time. I try to break up my study time by washing my dishes or folding my laundry. Don’t get sucked into the Internet, as you will probably spend at least an hour there. If you know you need a quiet environment to study, head to the library. The library has none of the distractions your room has, no television, no roommate asking questions, and limited noise. It’s a great place if you need to buckle down and get a lot of work done.

Along with knowing your lim-

its, know yourself. Don’t put off something if you know you will most likely not do it later. This includes telling yourself that you will wake up early to finish your homework or to study. While it is noble for you to try to get more sleep, more than likely you have some time during the day when you can get your homework done. If you have only one hour between classes, use it to study flash cards, which are light and easy to carry around. Have time between class and sports? Get your reading done. If you aren’t in the mood to study, try to focus on non-academic tasks that you need to finish (like writing an article for the Rose Thorn).

There are more entertaining ways to cope with finals as well. If you have friends who studies index cards every chance they get, slip a few funny ones in about random things. Not only will you brighten up their studying, you’ll get to savor the look of confusion on their face as they learn that cats sleep for sixteen to eighteen hours a day while studying chemical compounds at two in the morning.

Another great way to deal with finals is comfort food. Try your hand at baking some cookies if you need a study break. You can

always study while you wait for them to come out of the oven. Just make sure to share them so you don’t gain the “Finals Fifteen.” An added bonus to making cookies: you can share them with your professors, who will gladly accept the offer and might even remember it when they are assigning your final grade.

If baking isn’t your forte, there are many other groups on campus that offer a distraction from studying. Try bowling with the Bowling Club. It’s free and a good time. Or if you want something a little more intellectually stimulating, try Quiz Bowl. Who doesn’t love a Jeopardy-style game? You could even do both, bowling and Quiz Bowl, getting in your physical and mental exercise!

With these ideas, you should be able to cope with finals. If all else fails, just remember that you have an entire week off after you bomb your tests, during which time you can lie to your parents about your grades unless they actually know how to use a computer (which mine don’t). Happy studying!

If you have something you want explained, send your questions to the Rose Thorn at thorn@rose-hulman.edu. You just might see a How-To article about it!



The Price is Right

Christine Price

Opinions Editor

February 14th. It has many names. Valentine's Day. Singles' Awareness Day. My dad's birthday. But what is a single person that doesn't want to be depressed supposed to call it? I propose a new holiday: "Bros Before Hoes Day." While most of us enjoy

Bros before hoes day SERIOUSLY.

Mark Minster

the benefits of friendship every day, we don't really have a day to reflect upon that friendship and celebrate the people that are truly significant: so significant they can barely even be classified as "others." This Saturday, forego the romance and engage in some bromance. Instead of exchanging flowers, exchange high-fives! Instead of sharing sensuous massages, share high-fives! Instead of whispering promises of undying love beneath Luna's silver radiance after a candlelit spaghetti dinner that costs more than a quarter at Rose, whisper ... more high-fives...? And instead of giving

chocolate ... haha, just kidding. Give 'em chocolate.



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Is that my CM number? Oh, it is. Interesting. You know, it looks quite natural on that box of chocolates.

Letters to the editor

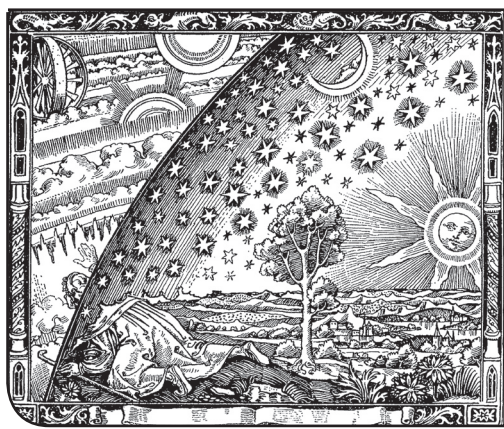
Disagreeing on consensus

Dear Editor,

Mr. Bryant is correct to question consensus. Relying on consensus is a logical fallacy—known as argumentum ad populum, the bandwagon fallacy, appeal to the masses, or a variety of other names. However, I think Bryant fails to understand that consensus works in his favor more often than not, particularly in the realm of science. For example, the treatments that cure cancer are used because of consensus that they are the most effective treatments; similarly, the drinking water we consume is considered safe based on the consensus resulting from data collected worldwide regarding water quality and health outcomes. These examples demonstrate that good consensus must be based on multiple lines of independent evidence, evaluated by experts, rigorously tested, and challenged by all comers. When the consensus meets these tests and challenges, it becomes the best science available. The geocentric model did not meet the challenges of Copernicus and Galileo. Work since their time has repeatedly tested the heliocentric model, and the current consensus is that the heliocentric model is the best explanation available to account for the multitudinous astronomical ob-

servations made about our solar system. Consensus can be highly reliable.

Bryant unfortunately tried to use the consensus argument to argue against the consensus represented in the IPCC report—he wrote "650 dissenting scientists"



<http://www.swarthmore.edu>

I don't care what the consensus is. The above picture is an accurate depiction of the universe.

are on record against the IPCC consensus. True. But do these individuals have consensus on why they disagree with the IPCC conclusions? Without such, it is hard to accept a purely numerical argument against the IPCC consensus. By invoking the 650 dissenting scientists, Bryant implies that the majority of the dissenting opinions were not examined and addressed in some way by the more than 2500 scientific reviewers that evaluated the famous IPCC report. Unlikely. Note that I'm not arguing from

consensus; rather, I argue that a significantly unique idea is unlikely to be contributed after 2500 reviews. I'm not advocating here for or against anthropogenic global warming; I'm advocating for a careful consideration of the lessons represented by and learned from consensus.

We as Americans have a deeply entrenched tendency to question authority, illustrated by Bryant's recommendation to doubt consensus. One should absolutely question consensus. Further, one should absolutely have this disposition toward all facets of life. Don't direct challenges only at an opponent's position, challenge your own. Get in a good argument with yourself about why you accept what you accept. Put your most cherished consensus beliefs to the test. Then, consider what authorities to accept. I cannot possibly understand all aspects of the thousands of research reports on climate. I accept that Al Gore probably isn't the best authority on this matter, but how about the authority represented by those 2500 scientific reviewers? I investigate consensus, I evaluate consensus, and I accept consensus when warranted. I recommend the same for everyone.

Ella Ingram

Professor of Applied Biology and Biomedical Engineering

Wrestling with tough decisions

Dear Editor,

Let me preface this letter by saying that I am a big fitness enthusiast and enjoy sports as a way to have fun and enjoy life. I am also a third year varsity wrestling member here at Rose, and I was really stoked that my collegiate wrestling career would be complete next year. With that being said, it really saddens me when any sports program is cut from any school for any reason. Sports have always been a way for men and women to form friendships and develop socially, not to mention the physical benefits gained from the training and competitions. Undoubtedly, some sports are more physically and mentally stressful, as well as time-de-

manding, but all sports provide benefits and opportunities that are crucial to character building in our lives.

The real reason for this letter is to express my feelings toward the recent budget cuts made by the athletic department that have resulted in the termination of the Varsity Wrestling team and the Varsity Rifle team. It has saddened me to hear about this decision not only for personal reasons, but because I feel that the decision was not made in the best interest of the students and athletes of this institution.

I have spoken to members of other varsity teams that have informed me of unnecessary road trips to places such as Florida. If budget is the issue, I believe that the athletics department

"I believe, if budget is the issue, then the whole department should reduce spending broadly, instead of killing two sports."

should reduce spending across the board instead of killing off two sports.

Wrestling is not just a sport to me, it is a lifestyle. Wrestling is

I've decided to do something special to celebrate Darwin Day. No, I'm not going to bake him a cake. He's dead (and the cake is a lie, as I've learned). I'm not going to preach an Evolution Sunday sermon here to flick the earlobes of creationists, though I do love that there's such a thing as Evolution Sunday. I don't think they're celebrating down at the Creation Museum in Kentucky, nor are the strident Richard Dawkinses and Christopher Hitchenses of the world likely to throw confetti: each group has carefully carved its own little cubbyhole for the other to crawl into and hide. Dawkins and Hitchens believe religious belief is intellectual weakness; the creationists seem to think thinking is a moral failure (cheap shot. Sorry. I'll be good). My point is just that Evolution Sunday is a nice attempt at rapprochement. I'm going to celebrate by sharing a story with you all.

One thing literature and writing professors are good for—besides lending books and undangling modifiers—is reminding us all that texts have contexts, that our stories come from somewhere, and this somewhere is often as rich and telling as the stories we tell. Such knowledge is useful, because it reveals that what we make and think and feel, what we design and teach and fear, that all of this has both roots and blossoms in what others fear and teach and design and feel and think and make. You're a spider, imagine. You weave webs; it's what you do. (Happy Darwin Day!) You can't just weave your webs in outer space. You have to weave them somewhere—a barn, a field, a basement—and work with what you've got. Your web is a product of your genes and genius, sure, but it's also a reflection on where you live, your diet, your setting.

Let me be clearer.

I know some folks believe we English professors should be sticking to grammar and Great Books, but one can be rigorously analytical about a whole host of interesting subjects and contexts. I'm teaching a course on mystery and

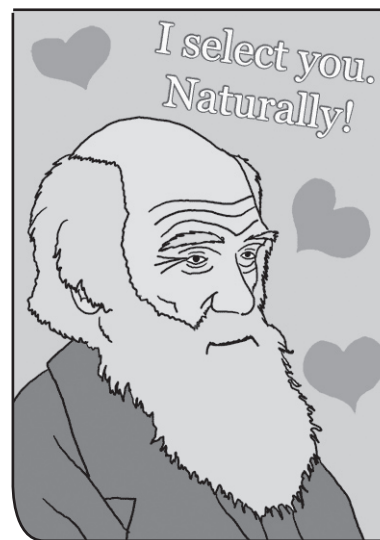
horror literature this quarter. We've been talking in class about the explosion of ghost stories in British literature in the late nineteenth century. It's a fascinating cultural phenomenon: the most industrially advanced country the world had ever seen (America was hot on its heels), the country known for its empiricism and scientific institutions, Britain was at the same time obsessed with ghouls and ghosts and goblins, spooks and specters. In "Green Tea," a famous story from the 1860s by Richard Sheridan Le Fanu, the Reverend Jennings finds

himself unable to deliver sermons anymore when he is haunted by a spectral, glowing-eyed monkey who follows him around, and perches on his prayer-book in the pulpit so that he can no longer read the words on the page. It visits him whenever he tries to pray, and eventually talks to him, and drives him to suicide.

It doesn't

take a long time to realize that "Green Tea" is a fable about the terrors felt by religious literalists in the wake of Darwin's 1859 work *On the Origin of Species*. Reverend Jennings is haunted by a primate that evolves the ability to speak over the course of the story. The haunting is spectral, which is especially ironic, give that the perceived threat of the Darwinian revolution was its thoroughgoing materialism, its emphasis on the material rather than the spiritual. The paranormal investigator in the story concludes his forensic analysis with the idea that the reverend's problem wasn't psychological or spiritual. He had simply been drinking far too much green tea, which rendered him susceptible to visions.

I'm not sure you can resolve our contemporary Reverend Jennings's terrors of Darwinian primates with recourse to green tea as an explanatory mechanism. But you can hope for our modern-day Reverend Jenningses that, a hundred and fifty years later, they don't off themselves over unnatural fears. The monkeys are real. And they're not sitting in the way of any pulpits or stopping anyone from praying.



<http://scienceblogs.com>

Feel free to cut this out and give it to that special someone!

my passion. I have trained day and night, with a strict diet and schedule that I have stuck to month after month since I was 15, all to make myself a better athlete. Some might say my life revolves around wrestling, and while that is not entirely true, it can be said that wrestling influences many things in my life. Wrestling has built my character, my work ethic, and my love for fitness. Wrestling has made me a stronger man and a better individual.

It has been my goal since the first day I set foot on the mat to wrestle four years in high school and four years in college. I am

speaking for myself when I say that I would never have attended Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology if varsity wrestling was not offered to me. The prestige of the education given here, or anywhere else, is not worth giving up my passion; and while there is nothing I can do by myself to change this decision, I do urge others to express how they feel about these sports team cuts. Remember that the next decision may impact your sport or activity, influence the opportunity to achieve your dreams and affect your privileges just as this decision has affected me and the other members of our soon-to-be-extinct teams.

Sincerely,
Anthony Finigan

Greatest teams in Rose history

Tim Boyer
Copy Editor

In Rose-Hulman's history there are many impressive graduates who have made their way to the top at big name companies and others who have made an impressive discovery in their field. But what seems to be outside of the limelight at a school that focuses on academics are some of the impressive athletic accomplishments of its students. From a little digging and talking with Sports Information Director Kevin Lanke, below is a list of the top four athletic teams (in no particular order) that are the highlights of the many accomplishments Rose has in its sports history.

First there is the 1976-77 men's basketball team. They boast an impressive record of 24-4 on the season, making an impressive NCAA Tournament run. The 24

wins have been the most in 100 seasons of play thus far, having only lost their first, fourth and sixth games, and winning the next 21 straight. The last three of those wins were in the NCAA Division III National Tournament before falling to Wittenburg College 71-57 in the quarterfinals in front of the second biggest crowd at Shook Field House. The only bigger crowd was the final game ever played in Shook. An impressive five members from that basketball team have since been inducted into the Rose-Hulman Athletic Hall of Fame.

Next there is the 1958 football team. This athletic team is widely considered the best team in Engineer history, according to Lanke, and it has statistics to match. The team went a perfect 8-0, including having won 15 games straight since the previous year when they only lost the

first game of the season. The team outscored their opponents in a wide margin of 270-31, allowing only half the teams to even score any points. As a defense, the Engineers only allowed 24 completions in the season, while intercepting the ball 21 times. One of the biggest contributors to the team was Carl "Rocky" Herakovich. In the season, he led the nation in scoring, averaging 34 points per game as a running back, kicker and receiver, to name a few.

More recently, there is the 2004 baseball team. That season, the team went 36-8 but lost in the conference tournament that cost them the NCAA Tournament bid, and with only three at-large bids that year, they didn't have much chance to get in outside of the automatic bid. While this team never made it to the tournament, their numbers show how much damage they could have done had they made it. Rose started the season with a record of 13-0 and averaged 8.4 runs per game. The team hit a season record (that still stands) of 114 doubles. They stand second in Rose history with 32 home runs for the year. The team had five starters in the lineup that had a hitting average over 0.359, along with five players who hit 12 or more doubles in the season. On

the pitching side, three pitchers had a combined record of 18-2 as well as an impressive 3.38 Earned Runs Against (ERA).

Most recently is the 2007 women's soccer team. With a powerhouse of talent, the team went 19-3 though the season, with a school record 16 game winning streak that started in September and ended in a narrow 1-0 loss to Denison College in the NCAA Tournament. This athletic team marked the first women's team to win a conference championship and the first women's team to make an appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Four players on the team were the top four scorers in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Additionally, 2007 graduate Jennifer Gordon was the national leader and NCAA

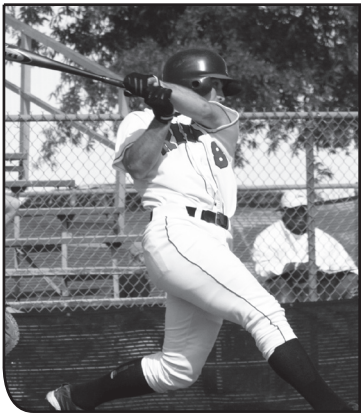
statistical champion with 26 assists in the season. As a team, Rose-Hulman only allowed two goals in an 11 game streak in the middle of the season.



Rose-Hulman News
The offense of the 1958 Rose Polytechnic football team proved too strong for its opponents, outscoring them 270-31 and only allowing half of them to score any points.



Rose-Hulman News
The 2007 women's soccer team won the first ever conference championship and made the first ever NCAA Tournament appearance in Rose-Hulman's women's sports history.



Rose-Hulman News
Scott Tourville led the 2004 baseball team with 20 doubles and eight home runs.

Engineer Scoreboard

Men's Basketball 9-14 (4-10)

<i>February 7</i>	
Transylvania	60
at Rose-Hulman	47
<i>February 11</i>	
Hanover	71
at Rose-Hulman	66

Women's Basketball 6-15 (3-11)

<i>February 7</i>	
Transylvania	59
at Rose-Hulman	50
<i>February 11</i>	
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at Hanover	73

Wrestling

<i>February 7</i>	
Midstates Wrestling Conference	
<i>Olivet, Mich.</i>	
Jeremiah Edwards	Greg Williams
<i>2nd place, 141 pounds</i>	<i>5th place, 197 pounds</i>
Anthony Finigan	Steve Durham
<i>6th place, 149 pounds</i>	<i>3rd place, Heavyweight</i>
Tyler Goble	Derrick Minick
<i>1st place, 165 pounds</i>	<i>6th place, Heavyweight</i>

Track and Field

<i>February 6</i>	
DePauw Invitational	
<i>Greencastle, Ind.</i>	
Sutton Coleman	
<i>NCAA Provisional Qualification for Triple Jump</i>	
M-6th, W-11th	

Rifle

<i>February 7</i>	
Ohio State Univeristy	4,576
at Rose-Hulman	4,418

From A-Rod to A-Roid

Lindsey Saxton
Advertising Manager

In 2003, an anonymous survey testing program checked the blood of numerous baseball players to assess the need for more stringent steroid regulations. Among those to be tested was the legendary Alex Rodriguez or A-Rod as many fans call him. 2003 was the year A-Rod had an amazing season, winning the American League home

run title and MVP status. Many fans think of A-Rod as baseball's golden boy, the poster child for 'clean' baseball players. However, sources have recently revealed that A-Rod was one of the 104 baseball players to test positive for steroids in the 2003 survey, leading to his new nickname, A-Roid. Even more shocking is the revelation that Rodriguez was tipped off about a drug screen in 2004 that could have lead to a suspension

by a high ranking member of his union. When asked about the positive test, he simply said, "I'm not saying anything." Additional reports say that Major League Baseball Commissioner may suspend A-Roid and reinstate Hank Aaron as home run king. "It's a disappointment. He was one of the greatest players of the game," said sophomore optical engineering major Thomas Bruner upon finding out about the negative test.

POST-GAME RUNDOWN

Jim Shaw
Head Men's Basketball Coach

[Editor's note: The men's basketball team played a close game in their final game at home against Hanover College.]

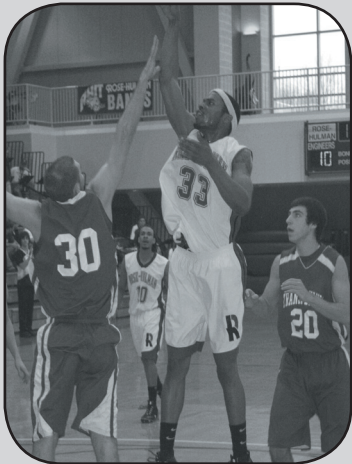
We are extremely disappointed with our close loss at home to Hanover last night. We beat

them at their place and feel we had every chance to repeat that win Wednesday night. However, we didn't make the plays necessary to win the game. Actually, we probably made the plays but didn't make the free throws to finish all those plays with converted free throws. Our shooting percentage was very good and we didn't turn the ball over much, but shooting 14 of 24 from the free throw line (compared to their 24 of 27) cost us the points necessary to win.

Hanover got to more loose balls in the second half than us and we had trouble defending one of their perimeter people, who really broke us down and created some offense for them. We did a nice job on their post player, who is averaging about 20 points per game, by making him work hard at both ends and by giving our post players plenty of help defending him. It was a close game that could have went either way, so the free throw dif-



Tim Ekl/The Rose Thorn



Tim Ekl/The Rose Thorn

ference was crucial. We travel with our womens team to both play Defiance over the weekend. Defiance is one of the best teams in the conference so we will have our hands full. Last year we had a huge win at their place to get in the conference tournament. It will take that kind of effort to knock them off on Saturday and give us a chance to win at Manchester next Sat. to earn the right to play more basketball in the tournament.

Water Resistance +4, Wind Resistance +10, Fire Resistance -55

Only at Rose

On legal left turns and infinity

JP Verkamp

Believe it or not, this is not NASCAR-related

Only at Rose might one ponder the existence of stoplights on one-way roads to the level of considering the potential of infinite loops at such points.

First, consider that, so far as I can tell from Google Maps, there are six one-way streets in Terre Haute. Four of them run north/south: 4th, 5th, 8th, and 9th Streets. Two run east/west: Ohio and Walnut. Therefore, it is not only possible but indeed expected that, of the eight possible crossings, at least half allow for a legal left turn on a red light. While being able to turn right on a red light is a common ability in most states (except when there are signs posted telling you otherwise), such opportunities to turn left on red are somewhat more rare.

The only (legal) way to turn left on a red light—that I know of—is when you are currently driving on a one-way street and attempting to turn left onto another one-way street. Of course, if either street is not going in the correct direction, this may not be advisable. It turns out that turning left into another car—especially when said other car has the right of way—is generally frowned upon in most societies.

Of the eight one-way street intersections, Terre Haute has four possibilities for legally turning left on a red light--enough to form a rough rectangle. Might it then be possible to continue driving left forever? Unfortunately, this is not the case due a suspicious bit of layout concerning Walnut and Ohio. If only they were to somehow switch place, one might be able to continue turning left to his or her heart's content.

But what if we were to live in a world where the streets were designed perfectly to allow for continual left turning? Consider then the situation that might arise if the traffic lights were to malfunction and become stuck on red. Not able to turn right (onto a one-way road) or go straight (it's a red light), we would instead be forced to continue turning left... forever! An infinite loop, as it were...

Rose Girls!

Gotta catch em all!

Noel Spurgeon

No Rose Girls Were Harmed in the Writing of This Story...Except Noel...Oops...Ouch...

Tired of trying to get that cute guy/girl's attention the old fashioned way? Ready to find the man/woman of your dreams without really trying? Prepared to resort to questionable (and possibly illegal) methods to do so? Then this guide's for you!

Tranquilizer Gun: Depending on the model, these can be nearly silent and almost undetectable. Also, target choice is more specialized. However, dosage must be carefully calibrated to weight, which can be problematic, especially with females. Other methods are recommended.

Leg-hold trap: Easily concealable, but fairly expensive and tend to damage targets. Unless the everyday habits of the target are well-known, these traps can fill up with unintended quarry rather quickly.

Box and Stick: Cheap and easy to set up, but extremely difficult to conceal. Although an excellent application of your statics classes, they are easily avoided and can be expensive to bait. Files for Meatballs or Conapps are the preferred bait, but food also works well.

Lasso: Cheap and accurate, but requires a great deal of skill to use. Also rather overt, and unless you can convince passerby that you're actually reenacting Big Stranger Rodeo, this is not an advisable method of capture.

Net: Versatile, inexpensive, and non-lethal, the net is the preferred method of most relationship-hunters. Easily hidden and very effective, the net has the same disadvantage as the leg-hold trap: inability to select a target. Catch and release is advised.

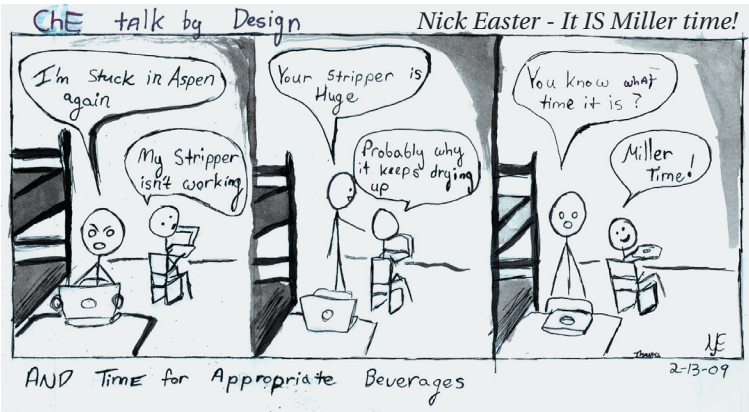
The Internet: You can find almost anything on the internet, so this is a great tool provided that you have a connection, a personality, and keep in mind that all ages, weights, heights, and attractiveness ratings posted online have possible error of about 500%.

Would you rather?

Hobey Tam

He's Done Both of These...It's AWKWARD

This week's question is a common awkward situation faced by literally hundreds of Rose freshmen every year. Would you rather get caught by your crush singing "Barbie Girl," or get caught by your crush while you are creeping on him/her? Begin the sad, sad debate now!



Wacky prof quotes

“You can’t fit that many backhoes into a hole.”
— *Dr. Hanson. I’m going to let you all misinterpret this one...*

“And you’re thinking, ‘Why the hell are we doing this?’” — *Dr. Chambers... um, yeah, I got to agree.*

“The diesel truck convention? Yeah, that one scares me too. I don’t leave my house that weekend.” — *Dr. Sexton, who, despite this, is a big fan of the femullet.*

“My fellow Americans, I have an announce-ment.... I don’t much care for you.” — *Dr. Livesay, who will not be getting my write-in vote next year.*

“OK, enough torturing cats for today.” — *Dr. Langley. PETA will be angry...*

“Here is a bad example, it needs a time out.” — *Dr. Holder. Bad example! You go to your room and you think about what you did!*

“How much acid have we done?” — *Dr. Mohan. Good question...Pi?*

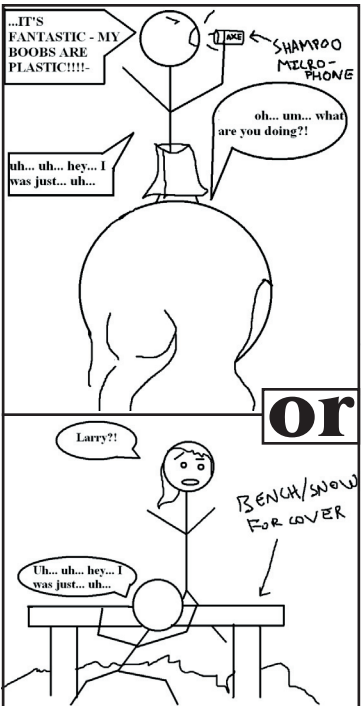
“Err on the side of being right.” — *Dr. Aidoo, on the secrets of being a civil.*

“True or False: Jack Daniels relies on Darcy’s Law to develop its smooth taste.” — *Dr. Houghtalen, great question. I suggest we share a bottle next class period and discuss.*

“Mind-reading 101 is something you take in HSS.” — *Dr. Hanson, on a class I seriously needed to take.*

“I thought girls were different from boys but we’re all the same.” — *Dr. Aidoo, on the secrets of being a Rose guy.*

“I thought I might make an extra credit question asking why you would drop a watermelon in a hot tub, but then I decided I didn’t want to see some of those answers,” — *Dr. Thomas. Um...yeah, that’d be... awkward...*



We’re finally going to lake Erik Hayes

My Flipside Editor Farewell Address

Matt Melton

My Evil Plan Has Finally Come to Frutition!

That’s right, if (not if, when) we get standing room only at the fantastic presentation this coming Thursday (February 19th, 4th hour, Hatfield Hall) Erik Hayes will allow us to lake him. And we will. And it will be recorded for all the world to see (can you say YouTube?). Ditch your classes (if for some reason they aren’t already cancelled) and go to this presentation. It’s going to be amazing! It’s Sam Hulbert! The guy is to Rose-Hulman what Russia is to communist takeovers. Anybody that stops you from going to this presentation is being downright un-rose-hulmanin. So make sure to go! Erik Hayes will be laked!

And now, following the Flipside tradition of editors going out in a blaze of shame, I officially resign. Signed, Matthew R. Melton. Later.

Top “20” Ten

People to Thank on My Way Out the Door

20. Adam Furore, Julie Baas, and Jordan Milligan for their tobacco pipe, pink robe, and Aviators, respectively, which I used in the sweet picture below. Nice accessorizing, eh?
19. Anybody who has gone laking as a result of a Flipside article. Except those guys that laked me...I’ll remember that one...(/evil_glare)...
18. Wacky profs, for saying all their fantastic wacky prof quotes, especially my personal favorites, Dr. Bryan, Dr. Mr. DeVasher, and Dr. Butske.
17. Wacky prof quote submitters, so we can all enjoy the moments that all of our professors wish they could take back.
16. People who have randomly commented on past articles with words of praise, corrections, and occasionally death threats. You keep me entertained. And terrified.
15. Speed 3 and their fantastic gnome prank. Well played, boys, well played.
14. Anyone who does the nerd run. It makes me smile whenever I see it.
13. Woodsies, for taking it all in stride.
12. Civils, for not even realizing they’re taking it all.
11. Econ majors, for taking it all and not caring because you’re all double majors anyways. Why do I even make Econ major jokes?
10. CS majors, for taking it all and not coming out of your rooms to harass me about it. You can stop the e-mails, though...seriously...
9. Purdue and DePauw, for existing in an inferior manner in nearly every way possible and for taking more of my crap than a Chili Cook-Off porta-potty. Keep on chugging!
8. Excel graphs, for being so easy and fast and rather large that few people realize they’re usually just filler.
7. Any girl who has slapped or in the future will slap anyone who uses Rose Girls with a negative connotation. They deserve it.
6. Plagiarism, because I use it in the Flipside on a weekly basis. It’s fantastic! (Our lawyers made me say that...)
5. Completely random contributors to this page, whom I usually see only once a month yet usually come up with some of the best material on the page. Way to make me look bad.
4. My old editors who have come before me, Greg, Aaron, and Alex, for pushing the boundary of questionable content so far I’d have to go out of my way to offend anyone. And I accepted that challenge...
3. To my fantastic regular writers and cartoonist, James, Noel, Hobey, Nick, and now J.P. Thank you all for saving me four hours a week and keeping me laughing. TY.
2. The rest of The Thorn Staff, for always proofreading my page and putting up with my lovely office antics. Here’s to not laking me for them!
1. Most importantly, to you, my readers, the ones easily spotted because they’re the ones looking like Einsteins reading their page upside down. I <3 you all. Thank you.



Conor Mack / Percopo 1 Psychiatrist

Old Flipside editors never retire...they just fade away...